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There are no inquiries you don't already know about but I want to make sure Carolyn is in the loop because these conversations do and likely will continue to occur on this topic.

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**Sent:** Friday, September 20, 2013 3:46 PM  
**To:** Distefano, Nichole  
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Tell me more about contacts on this coming into HQ. I will send u in abt 35 mins R7 press release announcing Republic has committed to build isolation trench under EPA oversight.

Tx

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**From:** Distefano, Nichole  
**Sent:** Friday, September 20, 2013 12:37:10 PM  
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Actually adding Carolyn

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Thanks Karl. Looping Carolyn. Please make sure to keep her abreast of all these activities since we're getting pinged at HQ on this as well.

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**From:** Brooks, Karl

**Sent:** Friday, September 20, 2013 12:32 PM

**To:** Distefano, Nichole

**Cc:** Sanders, LaTonya

**Subject:** West Lake

Hi Nichole,

We held a joint phone briefing this morning for affected congressional staff to discuss Republic Landfill's proposal to construct an isolation trench to separate Bridgeton (where the L/F is hot) from West Lake (where EPA has S/fund waste). Republic has alerted Post to this proposal and EPA wanted to be proactive. I'm soon forwarding you EPA R7's answers to Post's questions about Republic proposal. EPA and MDNR/AG are in same place on this: trench has many merits, engineering studies will be crucial, EPA will be in lead on this project.

Congressionals were appreciative of briefing. Wanted more details than we have now; we promised to hold regular updates over coming weeks.

Later today I'm talking with Republic's general counsel to learn more and to outline EPA expectations.

Will summarize in email late today. Post article expected page 1 Sunday.

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